

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Yubo NAKAMURA et al.
Serial Number : 09/807,933
Filed : April 20, 2001
For : ENDOGLUCANASES AND CELLULASE PREPARATIONS
: CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : Manjunath RAO
Group Art Unit : 1652

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND 1.98**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 1, 2004

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application. One copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (whichever is earlier), and therefore applicant is filing concurrently

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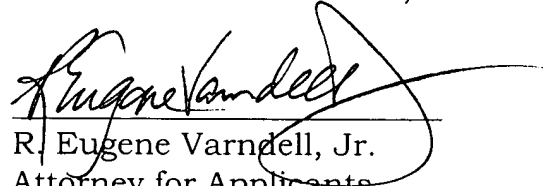
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language documents, applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign search report citing each of these documents together with an English-language version of that portion of the search report indicating the degree of relevance (if not already included) found by the foreign office.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicants indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,
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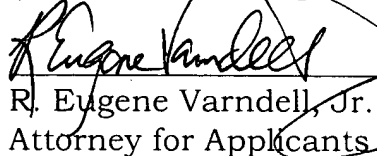
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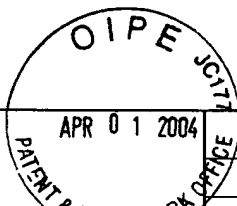
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